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The Palgrave Public School Choir sang some of the tunes of season Saturday night at the annual Palgrave Tree Lighting at Stationlands Park. Turn to page 14 for more festive scenes.

Photo by Bill Rea

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Anger over proposed factory in SouthFields Village

By Bill Rea

Monarch Plastics Ltd. (MPL) is planning to build a large factory in SouthFields Village, but a lot of residents are upset at the prospect.

They were given some details last Thursday at the quarterly meeting of the SouthFields Village Residents' Group, and that sent the packed house into a virtual uproar.

Mike Clark of Leeswood construction, the firm that will be building the facility, was on hand with some information, and he found himself facing a very angry reception, as did Mayor Allan Thompson and Councillors Johanna Downey and Gord McClure. Much of the indignation came from the fact that residents had not been informed, and that councillors evidently didn't find out about

it until just a few weeks ago.

The plant is slated to go on the north side of Highway 410 near Kennedy Road, south of Abbotside Way.

Lands to the west are being eyed for a French Catholic school.

Clark said it will be about 316,000 square feet and will manufacture plastic bottles of various types. The bottles will be transported to various locations to be filled. No filling will take place at the plant.

The process at the plant will take inert plastic pellets and form them into bottles.

Clark said the company has about 16 facilities world-wide. "They picked Caledon for all of the advantages have to offer," he said.

Kenneth Bokor, team mem-

ber with the residents' group, said the site for the plant is already zoned for prestige industrial. He added no application has gone before the Town yet.

"It's very early in the process," he said, adding the Town has asked there be dialogue with the group.

He also pointed out that since there's no rezoning or amendment to the Town's Official Plan being sought, there will be no requirement to hold a public information meeting. Bokor also said Clark was not required to be at last week's meeting.

Clark told the gathering he's build a number of facilities like this one, many adjacent to residential areas, so they try to engage the people living nearby.

He also said there are always concerns about things like

truck traffic, parking, lights at night, etc. "We've taken that all into account," he said.

Clark assured the meeting the development will have minimal impact on residents. The main office will face south (away from homes), and truck parking will be as far south as possible on the site.

As well, there are plans for a 55,000 square foot expansion after three to five years.

The company will be leaving two facilities in Brampton, and consolidating them into this one place.

Bokor said the residents' group has been looking for as much information as possible. He said they have learned the bottle manufacturing operation will involve blow and injection molding. As well, the scraps from the manufacturing will be recycled in the process, so there will be minimal waste from the operation.

He also said chilled water will be used to control temperatures through a closed-loop system. The system is to be inspected monthly by a third party.

Bokor said he had been told no byproducts would be re-

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Bethell Hospice is holding a volunteer information session from 10 to 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Louise Stinson at lstinson@bethellhospice.org or 905-838-3534, ext. 2245.

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

“Has your life been affected by someone else’s drinking?” Al-Anon Family Group is for you.” The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Caledon Seniors’ Council hosts a drop-in centre every Friday from 10 A.M. to 4 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East. All seniors are welcome for a social and recreational get-together. A hearty lunch is served at noon for a minimal fee. Come and enjoy friendly card games of euchre and bridge. For more details call 905-584-0591.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Home United Church Annual Bazaar, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1500 Mayfield Rd. There will be a bake table, crafts, decorations, white elephant table, extra vendors, hot lunch and Santa.

The Caledon Fair Board will be hosting a Christmas in Caledon Village craft show and sale Dec. 6. It will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Caledon Village Place at 18313 Hurontario St. and at Knox United Church at 2976 Charleston Sdrd., sponsored by Cheltenham United Church and the Caledon Agricultural Society Hall Division.

The Caledon Village Association will be hosting the annual Satnta Claus Parade and tree lighting. The parade will start at 6 p.m. at Caledon Central Public School and make its way through the village to Knox United Chuurch, where the tree lighting will take place.

St. Patrick Church in Wildfield invites the community to experience the true meaning of Christmas presented as an outdoor living Nativity scene with live animals in a stable and a Choir of Angels from St. Patrick School. Enjoy home baking, roasted chestnuts and hot chocolate. It runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Church parking lot at 11873 The Gore Rd. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the church hall.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Whole Village’s monthly orientation will be held at 1 p.m. Meet some of the members of the group, tour the farm and eco-residence, and obtain answers to questions about the Whole Village initiative. For more information, visit www.wholevillage.org

Community Soup and Carol Sing at 6 p.m. at Inglewood United Church, 15673 McLaughlin Rd., Inglewood. A freewill cash donation in support of Caledon Community Services would be appreciated. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Peel North Branch of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario will meet at 10 a.m. at North Bramalea United Church, 363 Howden Blvd., Bramalea. Take part in the silent auction. Enjoy carol singing. Bring cookies for special members. All retired women teachers are welcome. RSVP to Karin at 905-796-2146.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Caledon Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its monthly breast cancer support group meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4 Queen St. North, Unit 202, Bolton (above Mille Notte Lingerie). The support group is for women who have been newly diagnosed with breast cancer, who are going through treatment or who have had breast cancer. Caregivers are welcome. For more information contact Rosa at 905-857-4068 or r.raso@rogers.com. Visit the website at www.caledonbcf.org

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Friendship Room of Knox United Church in Caledon village. This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group meets in Bolton United Church Heritage Hall. Weigh-in from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m., immediately followed by a meeting from 7:30 to 8:30. This non-profit weight loss support group meets every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Ruth at 905-857-3237.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Auction at the ReUstore at 109 Industrial Rd. in Bolton, starting at 10 a.m.

Auction at the Chez Thrift at 301 Quuen St. South in Bolton, starting at 11 a.m.

The Caledon Concert Band with guests, the choirs from James Bolton Public School, will put on their annual Christmas Concert. It will start at 2 p.m. at Caledon Community Complex on Old Church Road in Caledon East. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and children 12 and younger are free. For more information, call Andy at 416-276-7852 or go to the website at www.caledonconcertband.ca

Thompson and council take office

By Bill Rea

It’s official. Allan Thompson is the Mayor of the Town of Caledon.

Thompson, 53, was sworn in as the Town’s seventh mayor Tuesday night by former mayor (now Justice of the Peace) Carol Seglins. She also administered the

Declarations of office to the eight members of Town council, including rookies Barb Shaughnessy, Johanna Downey and Jennifer Innis, as well as Annette Groves, who has returned to council after a four-year absence.

In his inaugural address, Thompson expressed his thanks to his family and supporters.

He also paid tribute to retiring mayor Marolyn Morrison, as well as departing councillors Richard Paterak, Richard Whitehead and Patti Foley for their service to the municipality.

“I believe Caledon’s future is bright,” Thompson declared.

Thompson raised the notion of the TV show ER, but suggested a change of the meaning of those initials to “empowerment” and “respect,” adding that should also apply to council and staff.

“ER’ will advance the goal to roll up the red tape and roll out the red carpet,” he said, stressing the need to create a climate that the Town is open.

He said he plans to re-introduce committees of council, and increase public involvement. He also repeated an election night pledge to bring high-speed internet to Caledon.

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Mayor Allan Thompson delivering his inaugural address Tuesday night.



Councillor Barb Shaughnessy received the Declaration of Office from former Caledon Mayor Carol Seglins.



HELPING OUT WITH SANTA FUND

Several local businesses are pitching in to collect new, unwrapped toys and games to contribute to Caledon Community Services’ (CCS) annual Santa Fund, and Vera Robinson of Naked Vine in Bolton has been busy gathering contributions. CCS reports there are more than 150 families, including some 300 children, in need of help. Robinson said they will be accepting donations until Dec. 12.

Photo by Bill Rea

Stunt driving charge laid in Caledon village


A 72-year-old man from Downsview is facing charges after a stunt-driving incident in Caledon village Nov. 6.

Caledon OPP reports a Traffic Unit officer was conducting speed enforcement

shortly after 2:30 p.m., and spotted a silver Ford pick-up going 124 km-h in a posted 60 zone.

He was charged with racing a motor vehicle.

The pick-up was impounded for seven days.



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To be considered for appointment to the PHC Board of Directors, please submit your resume, along with a letter that outlines your reason for applying, skills and experience. Applications should be addressed to Lincoln Bryant and will be accepted via e-mail or in person until **Tuesday, January 6, 2015.**

For further information, please contact the office of the General Manager: Lincoln Bryant, General Manager’s Office, Peel Housing Corporation 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite B, 3rd Fl., Brampton, ON L6T 4B9 905-791-7800 Ext. 3785 Lincoln.Bryant@PeelRegion.ca

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Roundabout at Sandhill will facilitate truck traffic on widened road

By Bill Rea

Two roundabouts instead of one are now being proposed for Airport Road. That was one of the facts that came out at an open house session held last Thursday at Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East. Peel Region is working on a municipal class environmental assessment study on improvements to the stretch of road between King Street and Mayfield Road. Project Manager Sally Rook said the plan is to widen the road to 45 metres, creating five lines (two northbound, two southbound and a left-turn lane). One of the roundabouts is planned as a

way to align the intersections with Healey Road and Old School Road. The other one is being eyed for the intersection with King Street. “Roundabouts, in general, are safer,” Rook commented. She also pointed out there are a number of trucking operations on the east side of the road at Sandhill, and there are plans to restrict them to right-in-right-out access. A roundabout at King will make it easy to turn trucks around so they can head south. “That’s totally fine,” she said, adding it’s another benefit of a roundabout. The widening will require taking land from property owners on the road, and in

some cases, whole properties will be taken. Rook explained these are cases in which the house is too close to the road and the widening will not allow for sufficient setbacks. Rook couldn’t give a definite timeline for the work, but there are efforts to have it done by 2021. She couldn’t say at this point if work will start at the north or south end, or if it will be phased. There is another environmental assessment planned for Airport Road between King and Olde Base Line Road to the north, but Rook said that’s not likely to start until 2016. The issue is of concern to same Caledon East area residents. Peter Paterson expressed concerns which he’s had for some time over the impacts additional widening will have on the village. “Airport Road is used a lot on the weekends for Collingwood cottagers, and seems to be under pressure from gravel truck traffic,” he stated in a letter from July 2013 addressed to Regional Chair and CEO Emil Kolb (he provided a copy to the Citizen). “By widening Airport Road south of King, all that is being encouraged is more and more truck traffic. The thing that really concerns me is that there still is no study of widening north of King Road and when that happens, it will be a huge, huge impact on

Caledon East. In fact, it will destroy the village.” Mayor Allan Thompson said most of this work has been anticipated for some time. He did say he was surprised at the number of properties that will have to be bought out. “I was really blown away,” he said, also pointing out two churches and the Sandhill Pipe Band stand to be impacted too. Thompson pointed out there is some future development coming, and this is the time for planning for it. “I do believe the Region’s doing what it needs to be doing,” he said. Councillor Johanna Downey expressed her confidence in Regional staff, adding the roundabouts will increase safety at the Healey Road intersection and “drastically improve the overall function and aesthetic of Sandhill.” Downey added there will still be challenges with the multiple expropriations to accommodate the widening of the road. “Residents are concerned about the length of construction time, but also realize it is necessary for the flow of traffic,” she added. “I will work closely with our business and residents to determine and the best timing to mitigate the impact on everyone involved.”

Etobicoke General reaches redevelopment milestone

William Osler Health System’s (Osler) Etobicoke General Hospital has reached an exciting milestone in its redevelopment journey. Osler, with Infrastructure Ontario (IO), recently issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) to design, build, finance and maintain the hospital’s new four-storey wing. Etobicoke General, which originally opened in 1972, is undergoing significant revitalization to meet the growing demands of its community. The RFQ is the first step in a process to select a team with both the construction expertise and financial capacity to design, build, finance and maintain the new four-storey wing. Any team with the necessary design, construction and facilities management experience is able to respond to the public RFQ. Once all of the submissions are in, Osler will partner with IO to pre-qualify those firms that meet the criteria and invite them to respond to a Request for Proposals – which is expected to be issued in spring 2015. “This announcement is a vital step toward expanding and improving Etobicoke General,” said Osler Board Chair John Davies. “For years, Osler has shared this community’s vision and commitment for this hospital. We are pleased with the progress being made in this important expansion project and look forward to reaching other development milestones.”

The new four-storey wing will add approximately 250,000 square feet of space to the hospital and house the services most urgently needed by the community it serves. Some features of the project include a larger, state-of-the-art emergency department; Critical Care and Intensive Care Units that are nearly four times larger than the current space; Maternal newborn unit with birthing suites and a specialized nursery; new ambu-

latory procedures unit; and cardiorespiratory and neurodiagnostic services. “The revitalization of Etobicoke General will play a significant role in ensuring this community has access to the enhanced health care services it needs,” said Osler President and CEO Matthew Anderson. “The new wing will support the delivery of world-class emergency care, help us establish centres of excellence in high-priority areas, and provide space for education and training for the health-care professionals of tomorrow.” To prepare the 42-year old building and systems for the new addition, Osler will soon be starting its early works projects. This will involve utility upgrades as well as the replacement of existing chillers. “Thanks to the generosity and dedication of the Etobicoke community, we are on a path to build upon what was created more than 40 years ago and begin the transformation of this hospital,” said Osler Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew. “It’s exciting to see the activity on-site, and to see how community champions continue to bring us closer to realizing the vision of a revitalized Etobicoke General.”

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It was a busy week for impaired drivers in Caledon

Caledon OPP had a lot of drinking drivers to keep them occupied over the last week.

Police issued their weekly report on the Festive Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) campaign, and they stated there was one arrested for drinking and driving at the spot checks.

That took place Friday night at about 9:30 p.m. Officers were conducting a spot check on The Gore Road at Finnerty Side Road, and during a vehicle stop, they determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 41-year-old man from New Tecumseth was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

But regular patrols revealed a couple of more drivers who had apparently been drinking.

Police said they received information about a possible impaired driver heading north on Airport Road from Charlestown Sideroad Nov. 25 shortly before 6 p.m. Officers observed the male driver operating the vehicle in an unsafe manner, almost colliding with another vehicle. During the stop, the officers determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The 21-year-old man from Brampton was charged with impaired operation and driving with more than the legal limit.

The following evening, at about 8:40 p.m., officers received information about a possible impaired driver travelling northbound on Airport Road from Charlestown Side Road. A vehicle stop resulted in the officers arresting a 43-year-old man from Mississauga for having care and control of a vehicle while impaired by drugs.

Officers on patrol on Airport Road last Thursday at about 8:30 p.m. saw the driver of a Pontiac making an exaggerated turn onto the roadway. They further observed the vehicle being operated southbound in the northbound lanes. Police demanded

the driver produce a sample of her breath into a roadside screening device, and she registered a fail. The 77-year-old Caledon woman was charged with driving with more than the legal limit.

Friday evening saw officers investigating a collision at about 6 p.m. A 50-year-old woman from Nobleton was charged with failing to remain at the scene of a collision, impaired operation, driving with more than the legal limit and dangerous

operation of a motor vehicle.

The detachment's RIDE Team conducted 44 spot checks at various locations within Caledon.

In addition to the one impaired charge, they administered 18 roadside breath tests to drivers who had consumed alcohol, but not enough to warrant further action. There were three three-day licence suspensions issued, and six warnings for drug possession.

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It's time to remember the requirements of winter driving

As the temperature drops and the roads become slippery, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) reminds Ontarians to take extra precautions while driving.

"Canadian winters can be dangerous for drivers if they're not prepared for rapidly changing road conditions," said Ralph Palumbo, vice-president of Ontario IBC.

"Taking the time to prepare for winter driving conditions and making safe decisions could save lives."

IBC's top-10 tips for safe winter driving include:

- Drive according to the road conditions. Heed the warnings from Environment Canada's local weather offices.
- Tune up your car. Check your vehicle's battery, belts, hoses, radiator, coolant/antifreeze, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, ignition system and tires.
- Check the wipers regularly and carry an extra jug of windshield-washer fluid in your vehicle.

- Inspect the tires and check the tire pressure at least once a month in cold weather.
- Install four winter tires. Winter tires allow you to stop up to 40 per cent sooner than all-season tires and significantly improve the vehicle's handling in winter weather.
- Keep the gas tank topped up.
- Always carry an emergency kit. Include extra antifreeze, a flashlight, batteries, blankets, a candle, matches, hazard markers, a snow shovel, an ice scraper and brush, the phone number of a local towing company, sand, booster cables and food.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
- Bring a map or GPS and plan an alternative route.
- Carry a charged cell phone.

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POLICE DRIVE HOME 'LOCK IT OR LOSE IT'

There are still people who don't take precautions to avoid being victims of crime, such as locking their cars. Members of the Caledon OPP Auxiliary Unit and the Policing Advisory Council of Caledon (PACC) were out in Southfields Village recently to promote the message of "Lock it or lose it." Auxiliary Constable Alfonso Ciarcelluti and Diane Sawyer of PACC were checking out vehicles.

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Councillor Jennifer Innis officially took office Tuesday night.



Justice of the Peace Carol Seglins congratulated Councillor Johanna Downey as she assumed office.

Mayor calls on Regional colleagues to elect a Chair who will support Caledon

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"We have heard the residents well," he said, adding residents are committed to the uniqueness of Caledon.

Thompson observed that about 81 per cent of the land in Caledon is protected by various provincial planning documents, meaning it's important to take care of the other 19 per cent, and make sure it's planned well.

"It's critical that we get it right, and the time is now," he declared.

He also stressed the need for unity,

pointing out Bolton can only be strong if Inglewood is strong too.

"We're all on the same side here," he remarked. "We're each committed to you, all of you and the community that we treasure."

Peel Regional council is set to have its inaugural meeting tonight (Thursday), and the main order of business will be to elect a new Chair and CEO, replacing the retiring Emil Kolb.

Thompson observed there have been calls to reduce Caledon's representation at the Region. He's committed to resist such efforts. "I know my council is," he re-

marked.

Thompson told his Regional colleagues (Shaughnessy, Downey, Innis and Groves) their first vote at the Region might be the most important in Caledon's history, as he urged them to elect a chair who will keep Caledon strong.

"I believe Caledon's strength is in its people," he told the audience, pointing out council is there to serve them. But the residents have an obligation to be engaged, involved and help councillors do their job.

"Together, we're stronger," he said. "Together, we can."

Paterak not going for Regional Chair

By Bill Rea

Peel Regional councillors will be picking a new Chair tonight (Thursday), and Richard Paterak has announced he will not be in the running.

The long time Regional representative for Ward 1 on Caledon council lost in his re-election bid in October to Barb Shaughnessy. He had said he was thinking of running for the job to be vacated by Emil Kolb, but announced last week that he had decided against it.

Kolb has been in the chair 23 years, after two terms as mayor of Caledon and many years on Town council and Albion Township council before that.

"I believe the Regional council is in the mood for somebody not from Caledon," Paterak commented.

When it comes to likely favourites to occupy the Chair, Caledon councillors contacted by the Citizen were keeping things to themselves.

Mayor Allan Thompson said he was working with his other colleagues from Caledon, adding the five of them will

likely vote as a block. The issue will be who they trust "and is going to be supporting Caledon as we go forward."

He stressed the importance of making sure Caledon's interests are not compromised.

Brampton councillors are trying to get more seats for their city, and there are representatives from Mississauga who think those seats should come from Caledon.



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There are going to be a lot of delighted looks on the faces of youngsters in Bolton Saturday morning. Members of the Kinsmen Club of Bolton have a big welcome planned for Santa Claus himself. The theme of this year's parade is Olde Tyme Christmas.

The parade will form up on Queensgate Boulevard, and start heading north on Queen Street at 11 a.m. There will be plenty of places for families to set up chairs or stand to watch all the floats and participants pass by, with the guest of honour coming at the end. If previous years are any indication, the village core will be packed with people ready to welcome Jolly Old St. Nick back to town.


There are many groups already lined up to take part. The Kinsmen will be leading the parade, and there will be representation from the Town of Caledon (including Town Crier Andrew Welch) and Caledon OPP.


Various local dignitaries are expected, including Mayor Allan Thompson, local MP David Tilson and MPP Sylvia Jones. Local service clubs like the Caledon Lions, Tecumseh Shrine Club, Bolton Lions, Bolton Rotary, etc. will be on hand. Air and Sea Cadets will be marching, along with members of the local Boy Scout and Girl Guide organizations. Music will come from various organizations, including the Sandhill Pipes and Drums and York Lions Steel Band.

There will also be representation from Caledon Community Services, HomeJames, numerous local churches and participants from several sports and athletic organizations.

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By Bill Rea





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Contest details: There are six (6) nomination categories to choose from representing: arts and culture; age 60+; sports; unsung hero community member; emerging resident; and youth.

The contest is open from Friday, November 7, 2014 to Friday, December 12, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

The Town of Caledon selection committee will review all nominations on Thursday, January 8, 2015 and selected torchbearers will be notified by Friday, January 30, 2015.

Apply online at: www.caledon.ca/panam **¡VIVA PAN AM CALEDON!**



Town of Caledon Holiday Events

Free Events

Holiday Fest
Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This free family event is an annual community tradition. Visit the Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness after the Bolton Santa Claus Parade and enjoy free activities, crafts, rock climbing and more. Free Swimming from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Fest
Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014
Time: 11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays with your family at Lloyd Wilson Centennial Arena and bring them out for a free public skate.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Please be informed of a proposed development in your community

This is to inform you that Gagnon Law on behalf of Flato Developments has submitted a proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on the property outlined below for processing by the Town of Caledon. We welcome your comments on 21T-90034C and RZ 08-07.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: 0 Mount Pleasant Road, Part Lot 25, Concession 9 (ALB)
East side of Mount Pleasant Road, south of Hunsden Sideroad

Area: 12.85 Hectares (31.76 Acres)

Ward: 4

Applicant: Gagnon Law on behalf of Flato Developments

Our File Number(s): 21T-90034C & RZ 88-07

Please visit the Town of Caledon website at www.caledon.ca or contact the Development Planner noted below at the Town of Caledon to obtain a copy of the location map.

PROPOSAL

The applicant is proposing to develop a 12 lot estate residential subdivision including open space and stormwater management blocks and to amend the Zoning By-law from Rural (A2) to Estate Residential Exception X (RE-E(X)) and Open Space (OS).

LIST OF PLANS, REPORTS AND STUDIES

In accordance with Sections 6.2.1.6 and 6.2.1.7 of the Town's Official Plan, the following plans, reports and studies have been submitted in support of the application:

- Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment application forms
- Draft Zoning By-law Amendment
- Draft Plan of Subdivision
- Survey Plan
- Land Use Planning and Zoning By-law Justification Report
- Functional Servicing Report and Stormwater Management Report
- Hydrogeological Investigations
- Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan Report and Reforestation Plan and Report
- Environmental and Engineering Summary Report
- Archaeological Assessment Report
- Environmental Impact Study and Management Plan
- Preliminary Grading and Servicing Plan
- Landform Conservation Plan
- Street A Profile Plan
- Pre-Development and Post-Development Drainage Plans
- Watermain Plan
- Topographic Map and Aerial Photo Enlargement, Existing and Proposed Slope Maps
- Surface Hydrology Map
- Soil and Drainage Classification Map
- Vegetation and Wildlife Ecology Map
- Environmental Summary Map

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment as well as additional information and material are available for review at the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department.

For further information please contact Stephanie McVittie, Senior Development Planner, 905.584.2272 x. 4253 or stephanie.mcvittie@caledon.ca in the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written submissions may be mailed or personally delivered to the Development Approval and Planning Policy Department and will become part of the public record.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The above-noted applications are now being circulated to internal departments and external agencies for review and comment. Once this has been completed, staff will schedule a Public Meeting which you are welcome to attend.

Please note that a recommendation on the applications will not be presented at the Public Meeting. A final recommendation regarding these applications will be made at a future Council Meeting.

Notice Date: November 26, 2014

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This year’s tour of A Christmas Carol will visit 10 venues, including the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Alton Mill Arts Centre, Montgomery’s Inn Museum, and their newest venues, the Quaker Meeting House in Newmarket and Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Now entering its eighth season, the Humber River Shakespeare Company continues to offer professional and accessible theatre year-round to communities in the Humber Watershed and beyond — from touring Shakespeare-in-the-Park in the summer, to innovative and original Canadian works in unique spaces in the fall.

“Performing A Christmas Carol is our way of giving back and sharing a universal message of hope and charity and kindness,” Artistic Director Kevin Hammond commented. “It is a treat and an honour to perform the show each year and I am always amazed at how moved the audiences are.”

Local performances will include Dec. 6 at Melville White Church at 15962 Mississauga Rd., south of Belfountain, at 7 p.m.; Dec. 7 at Alton Mill Arts Centre, and 1402 Queen St. W., Alton at 2 p.m.; Dec. 9 at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 313 Main St., Schomberg, at 7 p.m.; Dec. 13 at Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church St., Aurora (part of A Victorian Christmas) at 1 p.m.; Dec. 14 at McMichael Canadian Art Collection, at 10365 Islington Ave, Vaughan (performance included with gallery admission) at 1:30 p.m.; and Dec. 18 at Christ Church Parish Hall, at 292 Kettleby Road, Kettleby at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Seating is limited. Guaranteed tickets are available on line at www.humbershakespeare.ca or call 416-209-2026.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

There was lots of great classical guitar music recently at The Archtop Cafe in Bolton. The event was an Open Mic Night open to anyone who wanted to play, or just listen. One of those who came to perform was Beatriz Martin from Richmond Hill

Photo by Bill Rea



GLENN MCFARLANE PERFORMS IN BOLTON

Brampton Folk Club President and long-time member of the Celtic and East Coast duo Brown Ale Glenn McFarlane was performing recently at Bolton United Church, giving him a chance to play some numbers from his new CD Music and Friends. Les Smith was accompanying him on the Irish flute.

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Residents of SouthFields Village say it’s wrong place for plant

From page 1

leased from compressed air. There will be a ventilation system to control heat inside the plant.

Bokor also said he’s toured a similar plant and was pleasantly surprised that workers there did not have to wear protective gear. As well, he stated about 70 per cent of the building will be used for warehousing, with the remainder housing the machinery. He added he’s been told there will be no risk of toxins, or a lot of noise coming from the operation.

Downey said she had been on the tour too. She found the operation to be very clean, adding Monarch is committed to the environment.

“Monarch Plastics is going above and beyond,” she said. “They want to be good neighbours. They want to be community partners.”

Clark told the meeting they will be aiming to have the plant Leading Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certified, with attention to the building being insulated, and minimizing negative environmental impacts.

Bokor also said he’s been told there will be some truck traffic at night, but most of it will be during the day. Clark added there will be about 24 trucks per day.

Despite all the positive words, many at the meeting were not pleased with what they were hearing, with many expressing the view that it was a fait accompli.

Clark replied what they were hearing was what will be applied for in a couple of weeks.

Bokor added a lot of the issues being raised were really for Monarch, and they weren’t represented at the meeting. That didn’t go over well with some at the meeting. “Doesn’t sound like a good neighbour to me,” one man charged.

Another said he works in the plastics industry, and he warned of extreme noise and heavy truck traffic.

When it comes to opposing the development, Thompson said the options are limited. The zoning and Official Plan

Monarch told of residents concerns

By Bill Rea

Plans of Monarch Plastics Ltd. (MPL) to build a plastic bottle manufacturing plant in SouthFields Village has drawn some negative reaction from local residents, and the company has been informed.

The SouthFields Village Residents’ Group received some details about the proposal at the quarterly meeting last Thursday, and there were a lot of heated words in response to what they were hearing.

Kenneth Bokor, founder and team member of the residents’ group, sent a lengthy letter to the company the following day, providing a copy to the Citizen.

“The overwhelming response from the over 130 residents in attendance last night was non-supportive of your proposal,” Bokor wrote.

He pointed out in his letter that residents were concerned about having such a facility so close to homes and a proposed French Catholic school planned for nearby. The are also worries about truck traffic and pedestrian safety.

“Regardless of these other concerns, the basic fact of the fear of the unknown is what is driving our negative support,” Bokor stated.

He cited possible health issues from the plant.

“Your proposed plant will be located just steps from residential homes — homes that house a community of hundreds of families that include small children and seniors,” he stated. “Obviously, your plant is better suited to be located somewhere else much farther away from residential homes.”

Bokor also pointed to consternation that was raised when residents learned there might not be anything the Town can do to stop the developments. But they still want to take some action.

He said a petition has been started and will be presented to the Town “in short order.” As well, he said further consultation with environmental and manufacturing experts and lobby groups is underway to obtain supporting information about the risks to communities. The residents are also getting Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones involved, and are looking at legal advice.

designation for prestige industrial are already in place. He added the Town wants this kind of development along the 410, as opposed to homes. For the proposal to qualify as prestige, all the manufacturing work has to be done inside, and other matters, like truck traffic, have to be addressed.

“They have tests to meet at the Town,” Thompson said.

He also said this operation will be similar to Husky Injection Molding Systems in Bolton.

“They are the best corporate neighbour against any residential neighbourhood,” he remarked, adding the neighbours love Husky.

One woman called out that Bolton site is covered with trees.

Tom Baskerville, vice-president of development with Coscorp (one of the area developers), pointed out employment uses had always been planned for the lands next to the 410, although one man stated they had always been told it would be a business park.

“No one expected a mammoth industrial building there,” one woman charged, adding it was being presented to residents as a done deal.

Another woman said she was concerned about the safety of her two children, calling the proposal “a disaster waiting to happen.”

“How can you put a school right next to a plastic factory?” one man demanded.

Clark said there are several cases in Mississauga where schools are next to large warehouse operations.

There were also complaints from the floor that this issue came to light just a couple of weeks after the municipal election.

Clark countered the process started about four weeks before, with Monarch buying the land from Monarch Homes (he said the two companies are not connected, despite the similarity of names) in August. There was no way any politician would have had knowledge of this land deal.

Bokor said he didn’t know about it until

about 10 days before the meeting.

Downey also pointed out that any company can make applications any time it wants to.

Thompson added since the property is designated for industrial, the Town can comment on the site plan; calling for more trees and controls on traffic. “We’ve done it many, many times,” he declared.

He also told the audience that truck traffic has the advantage of slowing other traffic down. “It’s crazy, but it’s true,” he said.

One woman wondered why there couldn’t be another type of operation of the site.

“We haven’t heard anyone else buy the land,” Thompson said.

“Don’t put in this application because the community doesn’t want the building here,” one woman called out to Clark.

Bokor told the crowd he was not too pleased with something like this going in the area, but added he was not as concerned after the tour.

“At least they’ve come forward,” Thompson added, pointing out Monarch has made it clear what they’re doing. The company didn’t have to do that, he said, commenting lot of businesses just start building once they have the zoning. “They’ve come forward on their own to talk to the community.”

Thompson couldn’t say what the French school board would do about something like this going so close to their site. He did say the board would have to be consulted, adding they were there first.

Assuming the plans are all approved quickly, Clark told the meeting the hope is to have shovels in the ground around the middle of April, with the building completed in November 2015.

Thompson issued a statement Monday, stating the Town’s goal is to improve its industrial assessment.

“The Town of Caledon has always been well-positioned for companies to locate in Caledon, close to the major provincial high-

ways,” he stated. “Town council and staff have worked hard to position Caledon as a viable, vibrant and flexible place to do business.”

He also stated that representatives of Monarch Plastics group has attended preliminary meetings with the Town, and it’s understood they will bring forward a site application to permit an employment use on Abbotside Way. Thompson added the zoning of the Monarch property aligns with their intended use. The land has been zoned prestige industrial since May 2008, meaning a rezoning is not required.

“We are pleased to know that Monarch has been engaging with citizens in the local area,” he stated. “It’s a great step towards building a relationship that can benefit the community and the Town for many years to come.”

Those benefits, he said, include significant increase to the tax base, initial development fees, road improvements, commitment and investment in community facilities such as parks, recreation, tree-planting, etc.

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Editorial

Don't be too quick to judge

Last week's quarterly meeting of the SouthFields Village Residents' Group included some information of a proposal by Monarch Plastics Ltd. (MPL) to build a large facility in the area where Kennedy Road intersects with Highway 410. Actually, the word "proposal" is possibly misleading. Information that came out during last week's presentation indicated that Monarch has already bought the property, and that it is zoned and designated for prestige industrial development (Mayor Allan Thompson later said those classifications have been in place for more than six years). That means there will be no need for the usual public information meeting, which is normally required when there's an application for a rezoning or amendment to the Town's Official Plan.

That doesn't necessarily mean this is a done deal. A site plan for the property still has to be approved, meaning things like accommodation of trucks and the manufacturing operation on the property will have to be addressed and dealt with, as well as visual factors like parking, berms, landscaping, setbacks and a host of other issues. At least one municipal official we talked to wondered if all the proposed and required amenities can fit on the property. But that remains to be seen.

What is relevant right now is people living nearby have concerns, and they have every right to feel that way. After all, this issue has come up rather suddenly. Kenneth Bokor, who was chairing the meeting last week, said he had only learned about it about 10 days before. And the politicians who were there (Thompson and Councillors Johanna Downey and Gord McClure) evidently had roughly the same notice.

These elected officials came in for some heat over that last week, with people demanding to know why they didn't know what was in the works. On the one hand, we like to think our elected officials are up on every thing going on in their constituencies. But there are some things they're not going to know.

Land deals between private companies are just that — private. While the mayor and councillors should have their proverbial ears to the ground, some deals don't come to light when some might want them to.

And before any of the homeowners in SouthFields Village get their backs up, we ask them to recall when they bought their properties. The mayor and councillors at the time did not check them out or delve into their transactions, and we doubt the residents would have been very tolerant had there been such an attempt. Like we said, private land deals are private.

What came through very clearly last week is there is information that residents would like and don't as yet have.

But it is also true that an attempt was made in that direction.

Mike Clark, of Leeswood construction, was there, and faced a lot of heat. The point was made a couple of times that he didn't have to be there. It was evident that they were trying to address concerns. He, along with the politicians and Bokor, were frequently shouted at and interrupted at last week's session.

Like anyone else, we can understand passion, especially when one's home and the safety of children are involved. But if they have concerns, they owe it to themselves to ask questions and listen to the answers. Just yelling out they don't want a plant in their community is not going to cut it.

Our Readers Write

Know the rules about burn permits

I learned recently that residents of Mono Road, where I live, as well as residents in Cheltenham, Mono Mills, Campbell's Cross, Victoria, Caledon village, Belfountain, Cartaract and other villages and hamlets in Caledon, will not be able to renew their burn permits in 2015.

I inquired at the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services and spoke to the very helpful and professional Chief Fire Prevention Officer. He explained that when the burn permit system went into effect about nine years ago, a number of settlements in Caledon were prohibited from burning. However, because residents had been allowed to burn on their property for many years, staff discretion was used in issuing permits and individuals were advised that their permit could be revoked due to non-compliance. In Mono Road, at the corner of Airport and Olde Base Line Roads, the practice of burning goes back to the 1850s, when the corner was first ceded from Queen Victoria.

The officer went on to say that recently, the online burn permit system was created to allow residents a more convenient way of purchasing a residential burn permit. The computer was programmed to reject applications from addresses in some communities that had been granted permits manually by fire staff, during the previous nine years. So when these residents now try to purchase burning permits on line, their applications are rejected.

The privilege of an occasional fire has been a convenience and a pleasure for the 40 years that I have lived in Mono Road. It was particularly helpful during the months that were spent cleaning up after last year's ice storm. Many of my neighbours have larger properties with mature trees and were appreciative of being able to tidy up using a fire and would like to continue to do so.

The fire officer explained that the responsibility for determining non-burnable area is that of council. The point of my letter is to suggest that if you find yourself unable to burn because the new computer permit system has replaced the discretion of staff, and would like to do so, you might notify your area or regional councillor of your thoughts.

Murray Elliot,
Mono Road

It happened today

Did you watch the Grey Cup Sunday?

The first edition of the classic was much more localized than Calgary going up against Hamilton in Vancouver.

That contest saw the University of Toronto Blues down the squad from Parkdale Canoe Club (now known as the Boulevard Club) 26-6 in Toronto.

The game was played this day, Dec. 4, 1909.

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Results from last week's poll:

Have you installed winter tires on your car yet?

a) Yes **73%**
b) No **27%**

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The suspension of NFL player Ray Rice, who was caught on video tape punching his fiancée in an elevator and knocking her out, has been ordered lifted. Should he ever play pro football again?

a) Yes
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!



HomeJames is fun

I drove a 2015 Mercedes the other night, but more about that later.

Volunteering for the HomeJames project has a lot of benefits, some of which are obvious right off the mark.

Volunteering provides people with a safe and convenient alternative for getting themselves, their passengers and their vehicle home if they've overdone it in the drinking department after a night of holiday celebrating; certainly a lot better than the foolish and possibly dangerous option of trying to drive themselves home. It's also fun, if you don't mind staying up late (it was getting on to 3:30 before I got to bed Saturday night — make that Sunday morning).

The whole thing is operated by volunteers, meaning there's always room for more.

I volunteered myself for the program Saturday night. I was one of several people pitching in various capacities, including driving, navigating, dispatching, manning the phones, lining up food and drink and munchies to last the whole night (no booze, of course), co-ordinating the whole effort, etc. And that doesn't include sponsors, like Tim Hortons, who provided coffee and many Timbits (I probably consumed more than my fair share of those), and the local car dealers, who furnished the shuttle vehicles that are so very crucial to the operation.

It was the second time I had done this. I put in a shift last year, a couple of days before the infamous ice storm, and was very glad I did.

There are lots of signs posted at the sides of roads all over town, advertising the program, complete with the phone number to call (905-951-9000). People can place the call if they are concerned they've had too much to drink. A team of three is dispatched to their location.

The team consists of a person tasked with driving the client and all passengers in his or her own vehicle, a person to drive the shuttle vehicle and a navigator to make sure everyone knows where they're supposed to be.

Saturday saw me as a member of Team 4 (there were seven teams that particular evening). I was the designated driver, largely because when I arrived at the dispatch centre (at Humber River Hall, which used to be known as the Bolton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion), I was asked what I wanted to do and I volunteered. I also mentioned I know how to drive a standard, although I subsequently learned there was no shortage of that qualification that night. The team navigator was Joan and Simon took on the job of driving the shuttle.

We each had our administrative tasks to perform. Mine included making sure the client's vehicle had a valid registration sticker and insurance.

There were a couple of other rules. HomeJames is not a taxi service. The client has to produce a vehicle that designated drivers like me can actually drive. If you're looking for a hitch, call a cab. And no client or passenger is to ride in the shuttle vehicle. If that means more than one trip, so be it (as long as the owner is in the car for the whole ride). That does make sense, when you think about it. Use of the program normally involves consumption of alcohol, and too much of that carries certain consequences. The shuttles are generously provided for free by the local car dealers (they pay for the gas too), and returning a vehicle reeking of vomit is a very poor thank-you note.

These rules, and a couple of others, were spelled out to all of us early in the evening, as well as tips of how to deal with obnoxious clients.

It is a sad fact that people who have had too much to drink can sometimes be hard to deal with. On the other side, we

were told such incidents are very rare. I have talked to many veterans of the program. I have heard lots of interesting anecdotes, but no horror stories. In the two nights I have volunteered, I have transported a grand total of 18 people. Without exception, they have been very polite and extremely appreciative that the program is available.

I picked up a few anecdotes Saturday night.

Being a member of Team 4, I knew we were going to be sent out on the fourth call that came in. Not surprisingly, there was a bit of down time, but lots to do. There were DVD movies being shown throughout the night, as well as plenty of food and munchies. Simon was involved in what appeared to be a spirited game of euchre. I had brought my briefcase and laptop, so I was able to kill a bit of time typing paragraphs about a proposed plastic bottle manufacturing facility in SouthFields Village (please see page 1 of today's Citizen). Joan, myself and several other people on hand chatted amiably on a number of topics.

I heard observations about the composition of the new Town council and the value of roundabouts, among other things.

Then our call came in, with the general announcement that it involved a 2015 Mercedes. Joan, Simon and I left the hall on our way to make ourselves useful. As designated driver, why did I get the feeling there were a lot of envious eyes on me? That's the proverbial luck of the draw.

How did it feel to drive such a new and prestigious automobile? I don't know. In the first place, there were so many switches, buttons, gadgets and toys facing me, I was intimidated as hell.

But I got the three passengers home with little fuss.

One of the other cars I got to drive that night was one that had been made and marketed in the United States, according to the client. I learned the implications the hard way.

Those folks were picked up in Palgrave, and as we headed south from the hamlet, I was bringing the speed up to 80, which is the posted limit on that stretch of Regional Road 50. As I approached 80, I was getting the feeling we were going a lot faster than we should have been. I looked at the speedometer again and saw the prominent numbers denoted miles per hour, with the kilometres in the smaller numbers (the opposite of what you and I are used to).

Realizing that Caledon OPP has a reputation for having very little tolerance for what I was inadvertently doing (I was getting close to stunt driving), I slowed things drastically.

I subsequently learned that Simon had been a bit put out with what I was doing. Part of his job was to keep up with me, but part of my job was to not try and shake him.

Things all worked out well in the end. Incidentally, each client I encountered made financial contributions in appreciation, and they will be going to a local cause involving young people.

Team 4 delivered nine people and three vehicles safely to their destinations Saturday night with lots of smiles all around, and the other teams had similar accomplishments to report.

I'm rather loathed to use this forum to blow my own horn, but it is a fact the volunteer component is an important part of this service, and as I stated above, organizers are appealing for more. Information on how to pitch in can be obtained at www.homejames-caledon.ca

The fact there are volunteers there to provide the service is only part of the benefit. Another important part is there are people in the community with the good sense to use it.



Bill Rea

Federal government ready to deal with Ebola if it reaches Canada

Canada is well prepared to prevent the spread of serious infectious diseases, such as Ebola.

Building on experience with SARS and H1N1, our hospitals have strong infection control procedures in place.

It is recommended that Canadians avoid non-essential travel to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Travelers arriving in Canada from affected countries are subject to a mandatory health assessment and Canadian hospitals have strong infection control procedures in place. Canadian visa officers have temporarily paused the processing of visa applications from foreign nationals who have been present in a country designated by the World Health Organization as having widespread cases

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David Tilson
MP Dufferin-Caledon



of Ebola, unless essential in exceptional cases. Our government is also posting additional inspectors at airports.

The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada is in regular contact with provincial and territorial counterparts, helping

ensure we are prepared in the event a case is identified in Canada. The federal government is ready to support provincial and territorial health systems with emergency response teams, lab expertise to confirm a diagnosis, emergency supplies such as

masks, face shields and gloves and doses of an experimental Ebola vaccine.

In addition, our government has contributed two diagnostic labs and significant funding to help combat Ebola and save lives in West Africa. We have provided more than \$2.5 million worth of Personal Protective Equipment to the World Health Organization for use in West Africa.

We are also increasing our support for research into vaccines and treatment for Ebola.

Canadians can be sure that their federal, provincial and territorial governments are prepared to deal with threats to public health and continue to take all necessary steps to help protect the health and safety of Canadians.

Be sure to put safety first now that the winter weather is here

The leaves have fallen and the temperatures are dropping — winter is here.

This means it's time to prepare for the winter season and the colder weather and snow that goes along with it.

Every year, when the seasons change, it's important to stay safe during the winter months.

Always remember to dress appropriately. Both adults and children must wear proper clothing that will help insulate the body's heat. No more t-shirts and shorts, it's time for jackets, sweaters, pants, toques and gloves and even a pair of long-johns if you need them, to keep you warm.



FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Sylvia Jones
MPP Dufferin-Caledon

For drivers, it is important to prepare for the winter weather. Black ice, piles of snow and even getting caught in the middle of a blizzard are potential hazards

when driving during the winter season. One tip for preparing for driving in winter weather is to have an emergency kit in your car. This kit should include

things like a small shovel, blanket, a flashlight, non-perishable food and water.

Winter tires allow for better control of your car during bad weather conditions, and are definitely a good idea. It is recommended that you install winter tires once the temperature is consistently below seven degrees Celsius.

Always remember that the winter season can be full of joy like playing in the snow or skating, but it's important to prepare for the cold weather as our bodies need the extra help to stay warm.

Please stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season.

Peel employees contributed to the United Way Day of Caring Nov. 13

Hundreds of volunteers spread across Peel to roll up their sleeves to show that they care about community Nov. 13.

Depend and United Way came together to promote healthy, active and independent living throughout an individual's life with a focus on volunteering. A group of 200 volunteers from all over Peel spent the day picking up litter, planting trees, organizing donations, assembling craft kits and much more. With 22 project locations across Peel, there were hundreds of volunteers coming together to create a meaningful impact in Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga, while learning more about United Way of Peel Region's investment in the community.

"Day of Caring is a chance for our donors and volunteers to provide a 'hands-on' project for the community, and allows us a chance to educate them further about the difference they're making in people's lives," said United Way of Peel Region CEO Shelley White. "We couldn't do our work without their tremendous involvement. Their work proves to everyone that together, we are possibility."

The day was sponsored by Depend. "In support of over 3.3 million people experiencing bladder leakage, Depend is committed to changing the conversation, breaking down the stigma, and helping people live active and fulfilling lives through raising 'underawareness,'" said Brian M., Position. "As this year's Day of

Caring sponsor, we thought this was a great way to get out in the community, volunteer, and show everyone that wearing a different kind of underwear is no big deal. We are proud and honored to partner with United Way to provide the essentials for a better life for those in need in our local community."

Participating employees were from ARI Financial, Baxter, Citrix, Clorox, ConAgra Foods, D+H, Dupont, Edward Jones, Grant Thornton LLP, Hershey, Ingram Micro, Intact Insurance, JPX2 Consulting Inc., Kimberly-Clark, Mark IV, PCL, Primerica, Region of Peel, Southwire, Target, TransAlta and Xerox.

Province holding 2015 pre-budget consultations

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will meet to conduct pre-budget consultations early in the New Year.

The committee intends to hold public hearings in Fort Frances, Sudbury, Ottawa and Cornwall during the week of Jan. 19; and in Fort Erie, London and Toronto during the week of Jan. 26.

Interested people who wish to be con-

sidered for making an oral presentation to the committee should contact the Clerk of the Committee by noon Dec. 10.

Those who do not wish to make an oral presentation but who wish to comment on the issue may send a written submission to the Clerk of the Committee by 5 p.m. Jan. 30. The address is Room 1405, Whitney Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON. M7A 1A2.

A theme unjustified by the facts



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

Ever since the horrible events in Ferguson splashed onto our consciousness a little while ago, we've been bombarded with pictures and commentary about how the tragic shooting of a black man by a white cop is not just a terrible thing but a metaphor for American society.

Used to be that when things happened they were reported as happenings. End of story.

Not now. Not with the 24-hour news cycle, and with politicians, political activists, race-baiters and assorted other rabble rousers trying to turn everything into something much bigger than it is.

And so we continue to see pictures, for example, of protesters in the U.S. holding up their hands and saying "Don't shoot," as if that has anything to do with the reality of what happened to Michael Brown in Ferguson.

But that's become the central theme of an orchestrated campaign to push the notion that white cops can shoot black men with impunity because, after all, society doesn't value black men.

The extraordinary irony about this is that had Brown actually put his hands up and pleaded with police officer Darren Wilson not to shoot, he'd likely still be alive today.

Instead, the forensic evidence and the preponderance of witnesses — almost all of them blacks — show that Brown — fleeing from a robbery where the large 18-year-old had just roughed up a small shopkeeper — first punched the officer before Wilson could get out of his car and then later charged at him, causing Wilson understandably to fear for his life and shoot.

But in these things — and many other highly charged events — the facts tend not to matter. At least not to those who have an agenda which they are determined to push regardless of whom it harms and what the outcome will be.

Even President Obama, sadly, joined the chorus of those linking a legitimate police action with a broader grievance that much of the black community feels towards authority.

This is not to suggest — not for a second — that much of the mistrust by the black community is not warranted. It is. History hasn't always been kind to them.

But rather than attempt to go beyond

that and offer some positive reinforcement, many politicians, journalists and assorted elites have jumped on the Ferguson case to push a theme which is completely unjustified by the facts of this particular case.

It is true, for example, that the Ferguson police department does not come close to representing the demographic makeup of the community they police. But that has less to do with a racist desire by the authorities to keep the police white and more to do with the fact — and it is a fact — that many young blacks would, dare we say it, rather be caught dead than join the police force. The police, they are taught all their lives, are the enemy and you don't consort with the enemy.

This certainly is a serious problem, but turning a common thug like Brown into a martyr for the cause isn't the way to repair it.

Race-baiters like Rev. Al Sharpton — who, sadly, has the ear of people such as Obama and the new mayor of New York — is in his element whenever he can stand on a platform and spew his bile, all the while claiming he wants "justice," when his approach has precious little to do with "justice" but a lot to do with raising his own self-importance, his profile and donations for his cause.

The grand jury in the Ferguson matter spent months sifting through thousands of pages of documents and came to the conclusion that Wilson had done his job and certainly shouldn't be indicted for it.

That, as you know, sparked riots, not only in Ferguson but in various U.S. cities, supposedly based on the absurd notion that the grand jury was biased and manipulated.

None of the critics are actually taking issue with the facts in the case. That's far too difficult to do given the clear-cut nature of them. Rather, they are screaming that this is what is to be expected when a black man dies and the whole grand jury thing — a bedrock of U.S. justice — is a sham.

Rather than inspiring rioting in Ferguson, however, Sharpton and his ilk — along with Obama and others — should head over to Chicago, for example, where once again they are closing in on 400 homicides this year alone, the vast majority of them black youths murdered by other black youths.

White policemen aren't the thing most young blacks should fear. And crying racism to deflect attention from the real tragedy happening right under their noses is not doing any good for the young black men they claim to care so much about.



MEETING SANTA AT THE BANK

Santa Claus was on hand last Saturday at the CIBC branch on Healey Road in Bolton meeting with customers and their children. His friends included Dior and Diana Ferataj or Brampton.

Photo by Bill Rea

Peaceful 'Oasis' at Palgrave Church

Looking for a moment of quiet or a space to breathe, despite the busy nature of this season?

Palgrave United Church will offer An Oasis in this Frenzied Season Sunday evenings in December.

Until Dec. 21, the church will be open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Soft light, candles and quiet music will provide a warm time for each person to use as they wish. Drop in or stay a while for personal meditation, prayer, just resting in silence, etc.

The images of the Christmas story — the star, the hillside, the stable — are peaceful, but December is not. Holiday music blares everywhere. We are busy with parties and seasonal events. We complain, but do we build some empty time into our lives?

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Hawks deflated after slow week in GMOHL season

By Jake Courtepatte

A week without hockey is more than many men's leagues go, let alone junior hockey clubs.

Seven days rest showed itself on the Junior C Caledon Golden Hawks when they went to Huntsville to face the Otters for the third time this season.

After a strong seven-goal showing against the Schomberg Cougars the game prior, the Hawks seemed to be deflated after a week-long break.

Goaltender James Cyfko had not seen action in more than a week, and it showed on the scoreboard.

After a strong first 10 minutes defensive-ly, the Otters opened the floodgates with

three goals over less than four minutes.

Hawk Michael Andrews countered with his fifth goal of the season, cutting the deficit to two at the end of the first period.

Christian Mariconda, on a tear since joining the team early last month, gave the Hawks a fighting chance midway through the second off a pass from captain Cody Forgione.

Mariconda has produced 10 points through six games this season.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, that would be as close they would get to a comeback. Huntsville's Nathan Zantingh once again opened a two-goal lead two minutes later, chasing Cyfko from the net in exchange for Sam Procopio.

Cyfko made 13 saves on the 17 shots he faced in the match.

Procopio and his Huntsville counterpart Hunter Ferguson were solid in the final frame, making eight stops each for a final score of Huntsville 4, Caledon 2.

The Golden Hawks were 0-5 on the powerplay, a statistic that has plagued them all season. They are a league-worst 13.89 per cent with the man advantage.

On the bright side, their penalty kill has been fairly impressive, killing off 80.25 per cent of penalties.

They are second only to the Cougars in penalty minutes accrued, racking up 640 through 23 games this season.

The 0-1 week has a much larger impact on the Hawks' placing in the GMOHL standings than expected, as their other mid-ranking rivals the Cougars and Fergus Devils each secured two points over the weekend.

It's another dry schedule this week for the Golden Hawks, with their only action coming this Sunday as they look for revenge against the Otters in front of their home fans.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.juniorgoldenhawks.pointstreaksites.com

Caledon Hawks midgets had a successful November

The Caledon Hawks Midget AA team finished up October with a three-game winning streak against Guelph Gryphons, Stoney Creek Warriors and Orangeville Flyers.

November got off to an equally successful start. Justin Donatelli popped the Caledon goal in a 1-1 game against newcomers Niagara Falls Flyers Nov. 1. Rookies Franco Zuccato and Dylan Frail were the playmakers.

An action packed game in Georgetown ended up in a 1-1 stalemate. Halton Hills Thunder scored in the first, but then David Ryan's wrist shot late in the second went past the opposing goalie and right through the mesh. After a quick discussion and net check by the officials, the goal was determined good. This game ended 1-1.

The match in Oakville Nov. 6 was full of penalties for both teams. Joseph Ranieri, assisted by Ryan and Shane Sommers, scored on a second period Caledon power play. Caledon goalie Nicholas Biamonte kept the game at a tie after stopping the Oakville penalty shot. Defenceman Lucas Mizzi scored half way through the third, but Oakville immediately came back with a power play goal. The final score was 2-2.

A home game against Halton Hills Nov. 10 saw the visitors scoring early in the first. A beauty wrist shot from Sean Nottle off a pass from Mizzi tied things up in the second. Goalie Evan Barlow made a series of great saves in the last minute of the game to maintain the 1-1 final score for his team.

The Brampton 45's were victims of the Hawks Nov. 13. Nottle received a nice pass in tight at the net from Donatelli and sunk the first goal. Donatelli scored mid way in the second with Sommers and Zuccato helping. Sommers' unassisted goal three minutes later proved to be the winner. Without veterans Noah Spagnuolo, Tyler Whitten and Lukas Richardson, who were on the injured list, the team pulled it up a notch and outplayed their opponents to achieve the 3-0 win. Goalie Biamonte perfectly blocked all 24 Brampton shots.

Nov. 19, the Hawks were hot in freezing Chippawa, handing the Niagara Falls Flyers a 5-2 loss. Nottle got the first Caledon goal with Nick Curro setting him up. Braydon Rocca took a pass from Dylan Frail and sunk a power play goal in the second. Less than a minute after a Flyer goal, Joseph Ranieri pulled his team ahead by two with an unassisted effort. In the third, Tyler Whitten fired one past the opposing goalie from a nice drop pass from winger Nicholas DeFazio. Frail scored the fifth Caledon goal with Rocca and Kevin Pleasance awarded the assists. Goaltending for this game was covered by Barlow.



PEEWEE HAWKS WIN BRADFORD TOURNAMENT

Over a recent weekend, the Caledon Hawks peewee AE hockey team captured the Bradford Blue and Gold Classic championship in true style. Suffering only one round-robin loss, the Hawks played tremendous defensive hockey and received excellent goaltending in allowing a mere seven goals against in five games. In the semifinal game against the Meadowvale Hawks, center Liam Bavington snapped a high wrist shot past the outstretched glove of the goalie, in Triple OT, to win in dramatic fashion by a 2-1 score. In the final versus the Belle River Canadiens, the Hawks gained an early lead and never looked back. They fore-checked strongly, out chancing the opposition in all three periods en route to outshooting the Canadiens 29-15. The entire team back checked well and played solid defence as the Hawks went on to beat the Canadiens 4-1 in the AE Championship Game. The Hawks goal scorers were Garrett Graham, Liam Bavington, Thomas McClure and Evan Patterson. Goaltender Lucas Hillert earned the well-deserved victory, while defenceman Adam Hauck earned player-of-the-game honours. Seen here are (back row) Thomas McClure, Jim Morris (head coach), Norm McClure (coach), Chris Hillert (coach), Adam Hauck, Liam Bavington, Nikolas Viveiros, Mart Mikhelson (coach), Garrett Graham, Trevor Oake (coach), (second row) Calvin Oake, Eamon Lowe, Tyler Mikhelson, Evan Patterson, Mark Sharples, Dylan Heida, Marco Costabile, (front row) Kyle Rochester, Jack Morris, Joey Dowds and Lucas Hillert.

Correction


Last week's reporting of the Athletes of the Week gave the wrong write-up for the athlete from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School.

We apologize to Justin D'Angela and present the information as it should have appeared.




St. Michael Catholic Secondary School
Justin D'Angela


The Grade 10 student plays goal for the junior hockey team, which compiled a 2-1 record in the first three games of the campaign, and he's contributed one shutout to the cause. He also plans to play third base on the school's baseball team in the spring. In the community, he plays AA hockey in Woodbridge and AA baseball in Thornhill. The 15-year-old lives in Bolton with his parents Sabrina and John D'Angela.




ATHLETES OF THE WEEK




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Name:
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This 15-year-old played power for the junior boys' volleyball team, which made it to ROPSSAA, but lost in the first round. He's also planning to go out for track and field in the spring, intending to specialize in the long and triple jumps. The Grade 10 student lives in north Caledon with his parents Paul and Amanda McClure.



This Grade 10 student plays centre on the varsity hockey team, which is ready to start its season. He also played second base last year on the school's varsity baseball team. Away from school, he plays minor midget AA hockey for the Orangeville Flyers and AAA baseball in the Richmond Phoenix organization. The 15-year-old lives in Mono with his parents Doug and Lisa Kiser.



This 15-year-old plays defence for the junior boys' hockey team, which has run up a 4-1 record so far. He played badminton for the school last year and is hoping to do it again. In the community, he plays AA hockey in the Caledon Hawks organization. The Grade 10 student lives in Bolton with his parents Larry and Marisa Rebellato



The Grade 10 student is a singles ping pong player who won her latest match last week against a foe from St. Roch Catholic Secondary School in Brampton. She also plays badminton at school. In the community, she's a rep soccer mentor in the Bolton Wanderers' organization. The 14-year-old lives in Bolton with her parents Andrea and Florin Pleava.



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Boynton ties it by just five millimetres in King curling action

**By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club**

Teams Boynton and Davis, two well-known veterans of the sport, went end-for-end in last week's Men's A Division action.

Both skips taking charge of the house required precise rock placement for tight guards from their front end, as well pressure take-outs from their vices, all in preparation to setting up the rings. Right from the first push from the hack, Skip Scott Boynton, Darren Campbell, Craig Hatt and Don Keogh applied pressure in the game of inches to Skip Karl Davis and his team. As millimetre misses popped up between both teams, the players were also able to collect themselves with re-bounding shots to keep it close.

Gary Boose, Joe Burnato and Jack Purves (spare for Steve Broad) played with a force of strength ensuring a last shot was available for their skipper. With the house crowded with Boynton stones in the sixth, Davis's only shot for a single point was an in-off of one of his own against two counting rocks innocently perched in the four-foot rings. It was a pressure shot that needed to be executed with exact weight and sweepers powerfully brushing to avoid the over curl. When the dust settled, the Davis stone stopped perfectly for the one-point lead.

During play in the final end, Boynton threw a perfect raise into the red four-foot zone, once again leaving Davis having to remove one of his own off the top of the house hopefully to create an opening, just so he had a shot in the end. The angle raise on Davis's final throw appeared to be in counting range.

Boynton with the hammer and not sure who's rock was closest, took a gamble and attempted to throw an angle raise of his own just to make sure. After superior sweeping by Boynton's front end Hatt and Keogh, the rock hung out in the fresh ice not curling quite enough for impact. A

measurement was required to determine who had the closer stone and with a difference of just five millimetres, the Boynton team in the end, did indeed have the closer stone for the point and tie the game.

Men's league first invitational

The first King Country Invitational, hosted by the King Curling Club men's league, was held last weekend in a two-day event that saw 14 teams from across southern Ontario. Thirty games were played in the three-game round robin format with two teams in each division moving on to the elimination rounds between the A and B groups.

The championship game was between Team Johnson from Sutton versus Team Truscott from Scarborough Golf and Country Club. After the perfectly executed doubles and draws by both teams, Team Truscott claimed the inaugural event's victory title. Congratulations to Skip Gregg Truscott, Vice Greg Mulvey, Second Jim Chung, and Lead Andrew Stefaniuk.

The consolation championship game featured a family duo, both of which were from the King Curling Club. Skip George Gerrits, Vice John Headley, Second Andrew Gerrits (son) and Lead Chris Welch were matched against The Young Bucks, another Gerrits team, skipped by son Tim Gerrits, Vice Andrew Welch (son of Chris Welch), Second Colin Gerrits (another son) and Lead Graeme Fleming.

Whenever the father and son teams pair up for a game, it's sure to be exciting and serious because it's all about the bragging rights.

Strategy along with 100 per cent team work were key for the Young Bucks in their nail-biting victory that helped them take over for the victory in their first ever bonspiel win. Skip Tim Gerrits, sporting his trademark smile, commented that "this was the most fun I've had at a bonspiel and (humbly said) our team really played well."

Gerrits also complimented the organizers on a great job for a very successful event.

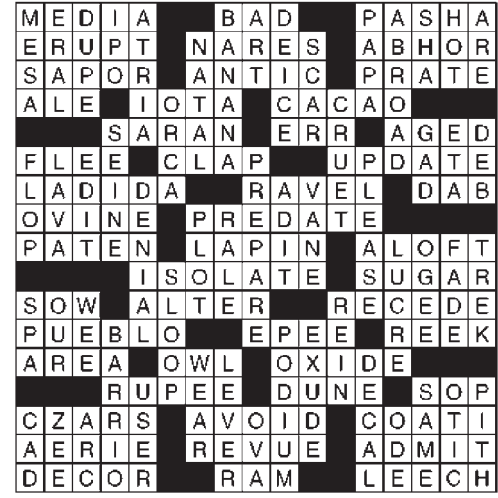
The Invitational also had a guest appearance from Ron Swan, who is curling 100 games in 100 different clubs across the na-

tion, all in an effort to raise money for his own hometown curling club in Harvey Station, New Brunswick. Due to the outstanding support of players that participated in the raffle and the Cool Curling event, the Men's League was proud to donate \$300 to Swan's Curling Across the Nation Fund.

Special thanks to the many sponsors who contributed prizes for the winners and the raffle table. To the Nobleton Lakes Golf and Country Club food and beverage staff for providing the dinner, and congratulations to the entire organizing committee for a hugely successful and memorable event.



Jack Purves measures the final rock thrown by Skip Scott Boynton in last weeks' men's league action. The point per end game resulted in a 5mm difference after the measurement went to Team Boynton for a 6-6 tie.
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Jones questions Minister on CCAC

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones wants assurances that funding for the Central-West Community Care Access Centre and being appropriately budgetted for front-line care.

She raised the matter Monday with Health and Long-Term Care Minister Eric Hoskins during Question Period, in response to a case in which care was denied to one of her constituents.

Jones quoted Hoskins as saying he would “personally address any issues with specific clients who say they are not getting the care they need,” yet she also had a letter from him stating he couldn’t intervene in matters concerning the provision of CCAC home care, according to Hansard.

“The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care sent a letter to my constituent stating the ministry cannot get involved in matters of

CCAC home care services,” Jones stated in a news release issued by her office. “Yet the Minister said today that if there were any problems at CCACs to please contact him. Clearly there is confusion here and the Minister needs to clarify his authority over CCACs.”

Hoskins stated he’s happy to discuss individual cases with any MPP

“If they feel that an individual is not receiving the support they require, that’s part of my job,” he said. “It’s a responsibility that I take very seriously.”

“Minister, then you better block off a week, because I deal with these CCAC questions all the time in the constituency office,” Jones shot back.

“I hope the Minister stays true to his promise so we can get this matter and many others like it resolved,” Jones concluded.



Palgrave celebrates the season

There was a large crowd of festive people out in Palgrave Saturday evening for the annual Tree Lighting celebration. There was lots of music, as well as hot drinks from Palgrave Rotarians. Santa Claus put in an appearance and lots of young folks like Sava Zarifopoulos, 7, got the chance to meet him. There were also the chance to get creative, making ornaments for the season. Ellie and Risa Van Lenthe were working on their crafts.

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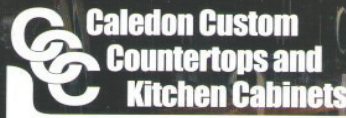


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The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton on Wednesday afternoon 2-4 and evening 7-9 o'clock. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Thursday morning, December 4 at 11 o'clock. Interment Providence Cemetery, Caledon East. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Salem United Church c/o Mrs. Frances Johnston, 10192 Hwy 50, Brampton L6P 0L6 or the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

HENRY, Harold James (Hal)

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Sunday, November 30th, 2014 at the age of 88; Beloved husband of Marion Middlebrook; dear father of Dianne Heatherington, Eric Henry, Byron Henry, Sean Henry (Jen), Debby Thompson (Brent), Dennis Middlebrook (Mary), Tammie Limebeer (Cameron); cherished grandfather of Erika, Alex, Dahlia, George; "Pal" of Coulter, Diana, David, James, Chistopher and Devin; remembered by his sisters Donna Hall (Jim) and Audrey Currie (Jim). Harold will be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Memorial Celebration will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home & Chapel*, 21 First Street, Orangeville on Sunday, December 7th, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m.

Memorial donations in memory of Hal may be made to Headwaters Health Care Foundation.

A tree will be planted in memory of Harold in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

**DEATHS****MacNEIL, Diane Margaret (nee Baulne)**

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Friday, November 28th, 2014 at the age of 39; Beloved wife of Dean MacNeil; cherished mother of Braelyn and Jocelyn; loving daughter of John and Jean Baulne; dear sister of Michael; remembered by her mother-in-law Donna MacNeil and her brother-in-law Donald. Diane will be greatly missed by her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Visitation was held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home & Chapel*, 21 First Street., Orangeville on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Funeral Service was held at in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Memorial donations to an education fund for her children would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Diane in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. (Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com).

SANDERSON, Terry Owen

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loving husband, dad, papa, son, brother and friend at Orlando Regional Medical Centre on Thursday, November 27th, 2014 at the age of 62; Beloved husband of Susan Sanderson; loving father of Karri Sanderson and Josh & Josh & Lindsay Sanderson; special papa of Cameron, Ashley, Dylan and Owen; dear son of Daphne and the late Earl Sanderson; dear brother of David (deceased) (Yvette), Adrian (Terri), Phillip (Susan), Lindsay and Shane. Terry will be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Service will be held at the Compass Community Church, 246289 Hockley Rd., Mono (corner of Hockley Rd. & Hwy#10) on Friday December 5th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

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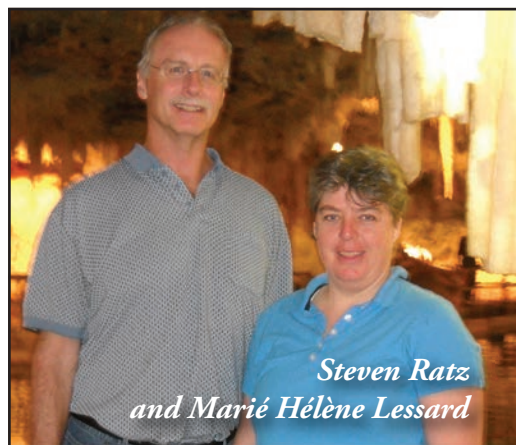
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